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LOUISIANA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

(in thousands)	PRELIMINARY MAY 1986				REVISED APRIL 1986				REVISED MAY 1985			
	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
LOUISIANA	1,985.5	1,727.7	257.8	13.0	1,987.9	1,720.8	267.1	13.4	1,994.9	1,767.7	227.2	11.4
LABOR MARKET AREAS:												
Alexandria 1/	58.9	52.6	6.3	10.6	58.7	52.2	6.5	11.0	58.6	52.9	5.7	9.7
Baton Rouge 2/	257.9	229.9	28.0	10.9	257.9	228.2	29.7	11.5	259.7	233.4	26.3	10.1
Houma - Thibodaux 3/	77.0	64.0	13.0	16.9	77.5	64.4	13.1	17.0	80.4	71.2	9.2	11.4
Lafayette 4/	112.0	96.8	15.2	13.6	112.7	97.9	14.8	13.2	110.0	100.0	10.0	9.1
Lake Charles 5/	74.0	62.8	11.2	15.1	73.8	62.2	11.6	15.7	76.6	64.9	11.7	15.3
Monroe 6/	68.0	61.2	6.8	10.0	68.2	61.1	7.1	10.5	68.4	62.0	6.4	9.4
New Orleans 7/	592.5	527.8	64.7	10.9	596.5	529.0	67.5	11.3	613.4	544.2	69.2	11.3
Shreveport 8/	165.5	145.8	19.7	11.9	166.1	145.4	20.7	12.4	169.9	156.6	13.3	7.8

Parishes included in above Labor Market Areas are listed at the end of the Employment and Payroll Trends narrative.

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Louisiana's total nonagricultural employment was estimated at 1,543,900 for May, a decrease of 9,200 workers from April's revised level and 63,100 below the year-ago figure. Mining experienced the largest decrease in the nonmanufacturing sector. The durable goods segment of manufacturing fell by 1,200 employees from the April revised figure of 75,500.

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Employment in the durable goods segment of manufacturing, estimated at 74,300 for May, was 1,200 lower than the April figure and 9,800 below May 1985. Stone, clay, and glass products employment was down due in large part to decreased production of concrete, gypsum and plastic products. Less business for blast furnace and basic steel products contributed to lower employment in the primary metal industries. Fabricated metal products employment was down as cutbacks occurred in the production of fabricated structural metal products. Less business for firms manufacturing engines and turbines was among the factors contributing to the downturn in machinery, except electrical, employment. A decrease in transportation equipment manufacturing payrolls was centered in the ship and boat building and repairing segment.

Estimated employment in the nondurable goods segment of manufacturing for May was 93,200, an increase of 500 workers from last month. Food and kindred products employment was up due in large part to a seasonal increase in the seafood industry. Apparel and other textile products payrolls were down due to less business throughout much of this sector. Employment in the paper and allied products industry edged upward.

Estimated employment in nonmanufacturing industries, at 1,376,400 was 8,500 below last month's level of 1,384,900, and a drop of 28,700 from May a year ago. Mining employment was lower due to decreased production of crude petroleum and natural gas. An upturn in the general building contractors trade contributed most to the higher construction payrolls for May. Less activity in trucking and warehousing was significant in the decline of transportation and public utilities payrolls. Trade employment was down in May largely as a result of decreased business in both the durable and nondurable goods segments of wholesale trade. Contributing to the downturns in finance, insurance, and real estate employment were cutbacks in credit agencies, other than banks; insurance agents, brokers, and services; and holding and other investment offices. A decrease in business for hotels and other lodging places and miscellaneous repair services was largely responsible for the decline in the services industry. However, the amusement and recreation services segment exhibited an 800 employee increase. Estimated government employment this month was lower as a result of declines in both state and local government employment.

Average weekly earnings of Louisiana's 118,600 production workers in manufacturing increased from $427.92 in April to $431.32 in May, an increase of $3.40 and a decrease of $9.87 from May 1985. Average hourly earnings were two cents lower in May than last month and six cents lower than May a year ago. Weekly hours at 41.0 for the current month was up by 0.4 hours from April's revised figure.

Estimated total unemployment in May amounted to 257,800, a decrease of 9,300 from the April revised level of 267,100. The unemployment rate for the current month was 13.0 percent, a decrease of 0.4 percentage points below last month's revised rate, but 1.6 percentage points higher than May of last year. The comparable national unemployment rate for May was 7.0 percent, unchanged from April's rate, and 6.9 percent in May of last year. Louisiana's civilian labor force decreased from 1,987,900 in April to 1,985,500 in May, a decrease of 2,400. Total employment, at 1,727,700, was up by 6,900 from last month, but 40,000 lower than May 1985.

Unemployment is expected to increase in the summer months because of students entering the labor force. However, there will likely be seasonal gains in manufacturing and nonmanufacturing employment.

1/ Rapides Parish only. 2/ Includes Ascension, East Baton Rouge, Livingston, and West Baton Rouge parishes. 3/ Includes LaFourche and Terrebonne parishes. 4/ Includes Lafayette and St. Martin parishes. 5/ Calcasieu Parish only. 6/ Ouachita Parish only. 7/ Includes Jefferson, Orleans, St. Bernard, St. Tammany, St. Charles and St. John the Baptist parishes. 8/ Includes Bossier and Caddo parishes.

LOUISIANA
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

	May 1986*	April 1986**	May 1985**	Net Change from April 1986	Net Change from May 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	1,543.9	1,553.1	1,607.0	- 9.2	-63.1
MINING	62.1	66.6	81.4	- 4.5	-19.3
Oil and Gas Extraction	58.5	63.0	78.5	- 4.5	-20.0
Nonmetallic Minerals	3.6	3.6	2.9	0	+ 0.7
CONSTRUCTION	94.4	93.1	107.1	+ 1.3	-12.7
MANUFACTURING	167.5	168.2	180.9	- 0.7	-13.4
Durable Goods	74.3	75.5	84.1	- 1.2	- 9.8
Lumber and Wood Products	13.0	12.9	13.3	+ 0.1	- 0.3
Furniture and Fixtures	0.5	0.5	0.8	0	- 0.3
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	6.6	6.8	7.0	- 0.2	- 0.4
Primary Metal Industries	3.1	3.3	3.5	- 0.2	- 0.4
Fabricated Metal Products	12.7	13.0	13.4	- 0.3	- 0.7
Machinery, Except Electrical	8.9	9.3	10.4	- 0.4	- 1.5
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	7.4	7.4	11.3	0	- 3.9
Transportation Equipment	19.7	20.0	21.9	- 0.3	- 2.2
Other Durable Goods (1)	2.4	2.3	2.5	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Nondurable Goods	93.2	92.7	96.8	+ 0.5	- 3.6
Food & Kindred Products	20.8	20.4	21.4	+ 0.4	- 0.6
Apparel & Other Textile Products	8.2	8.4	8.9	- 0.2	- 0.7
Paper & Allied Products	11.5	11.3	11.3	+ 0.2	+ 0.2
Printing & Publishing	10.0	10.1	10.4	- 0.1	- 0.4
Chemicals & Allied Products	26.5	26.4	28.5	+ 0.1	- 2.0
Petroleum and Coal Products	12.1	12.0	12.5	+ 0.1	- 0.4
Petroleum Refining	11.5	11.4	11.8	+ 0.1	- 0.3
Other Nondurable Goods (2)	4.1	4.1	3.8	0	+ 0.3
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	107.2	108.7	116.3	- 1.5	- 9.1
Railroad Transportation	5.8	5.8	6.3	0	- 0.5
Transportation, ex. Railroads	60.6	62.1	67.6	- 1.5	- 7.0
Water Transportation	28.2	28.4	30.4	- 0.2	- 2.2
Communication & Electric, Gas & Sanitary Ser.	40.8	40.8	42.4	0	- 1.6
Communication, Exc. U S Postal Service	19.3	19.4	20.8	- 0.1	- 1.5
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	21.5	21.4	21.6	+ 0.1	- 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	381.8	383.3	385.4	- 1.5	- 3.6
Wholesale Trade	87.4	88.9	93.4	- 1.5	- 6.0
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	49.0	50.2	54.6	- 1.2	- 5.6
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	38.4	38.7	38.8	- 0.3	- 0.4
Retail Trade	294.4	294.4	292.0	0	+ 2.4
Gen. Merchandise, Apparel & Acc.	60.1	60.0	58.6	+ 0.1	+ 1.5
Food Stores	58.4	58.4	54.3	0	+ 4.1
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	32.1	32.2	32.7	- 0.1	- 0.6
Eating & Drinking Places	89.7	90.0	90.6	- 0.3	- 0.9
Other Retail Trade	54.1	53.8	55.8	+ 0.3	- 1.7

LOUISIANA - CONTINUED
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

	May 1986*	April 1986**	May 1985**	Net Change from April 1986	Net Change from May 1985
FINANCE, INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE	85.1	85.5	85.1	- 0.4	0
Banking	27.5	27.5	27.6	0	- 0.1
SERVICES	318.3	319.1	321.5	- 0.8	- 3.2
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	23.0	23.3	24.9	- 0.3	- 1.9
Personal Services	16.1	16.0	15.0	+ 0.1	+ 1.1
Business Services	54.1	55.3	58.3	- 1.2	- 4.2
Auto Repair, Services & Garages	10.8	10.6	10.2	+ 0.2	+ 0.6
Miscellaneous Repair Services	6.7	7.0	7.4	- 0.3	- 0.7
Amusement & Recreation Services	9.7	8.9	10.1	+ 0.8	- 0.4
Health Services	91.5	91.7	91.1	- 0.2	+ 0.4
Legal Services	13.7	13.6	13.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Educational Services	25.5	25.3	23.0	+ 0.2	+ 2.5
Social Services	18.2	18.4	18.4	- 0.2	- 0.2
Membership Organizations	25.7	25.7	26.0	0	- 0.3
Miscellaneous Services	17.3	17.3	17.3	0	0
GOVERNMENT	327.5	328.6	329.3	- 1.1	- 1.8
Federal	36.0	35.8	35.0	+ 0.2	+ 1.0
State and Local	291.5	292.8	294.3	- 1.3	- 2.8
State	105.8	106.7	106.4	- 0.9	- 0.6
Local	185.7	186.1	187.9	- 0.4	- 2.2

* Preliminary **Revised
(1) Includes Professional equipment and misc. manufacturing industries
(2) Includes Leather, Rubber and Textile products.

All estimates of Nonagricultural wage and salaried workers in this publication prepared in cooperation with U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, with the exception of the Alexandria LMA which is prepared under the auspices of the Louisiana Department of Labor, and include all full time and part time workers who were employed during the pay period including the 12th of the month.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING AND SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN LOUISIANA

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	May '86*	April '86**	May '85**	May '86*	April '86**	May '85**	May '86*	April '86**	May '85**
All MANUFACTURING (1)	$431.32	$427.92	$441.19	41.0	40.6	41.7	$10.52	$10.54	$10.58
Durable Goods	372.53	371.94	402.46	39.8	39.4	40.9	9.36	9.44	9.84
Lumber & Wood Products	316.68	312.84	290.61	40.6	39.5	38.8	7.80	7.92	7.49
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	366.08	366.54	357.19	41.6	41.0	39.6	8.80	8.94	9.02
Fabricated Metal Products	366.28	347.97	412.70	39.3	36.9	42.9	9.32	9.43	9.62
Machinery, ex. Electrical	379.45	395.11	419.02	39.9	41.2	40.8	9.51	9.59	10.27
Electric & Electronic Equip.	464.84	463.98	425.46	41.1	40.7	39.8	11.31	11.40	10.69
Transportation Equipment	409.34	410.78	477.41	38.8	38.9	40.7	10.55	10.56	11.73
Nondurable Goods	484.15	479.13	480.68	42.1	41.7	42.5	11.50	11.49	11.31
Food & Kindred Products	316.71	304.00	314.70	39.1	38.0	38.9	8.10	8.00	8.09
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	222.55	210.72	221.25	39.6	37.9	40.3	5.62	5.56	5.49
Paper & Allied Products	576.52	583.88	588.62	42.8	44.0	45.7	13.47	13.27	12.88
Printing & Publishing	395.21	384.84	366.05	39.8	38.6	38.9	9.93	9.97	9.41
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	660.55	642.85	648.15	43.4	43.0	43.5	15.22	14.95	14.90
Petroleum & Coal Products	649.44	689.16	710.51	45.8	47.3	48.4	14.18	14.57	14.68
Petroleum Refining	664.98	706.15	728.10	46.6	48.3	48.8	14.27	14.62	14.92
MINING	534.50	531.76	514.67	46.6	46.0	46.2	11.47	11.56	11.14
COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC UTILITIES	511.41	508.80	492.83	40.3	40.9	40.1	12.69	12.44	12.29
BANKING	264.41	265.39	247.30	38.6	38.8	37.3	6.85	6.84	6.63

(1) Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 118,600 full and part-time workers in manufacturing and 90,200 nonsupervisory employees in communications, public utilities, mining and banking. The averages are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect over-time, late shift work and incentive rates.

LOUISIANA EMPLOYMENT SITUATION BY LABOR MARKET AREA

	PRELIMINARY 05 86				REVISED 04 86			
	LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP	RATE	LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP	RATE
CROWLEY (ACADIA)	25,425	20,950	4,475	17.6	25,150	20,650	4,500	17.8
OAKDALE (ALLEN)	9,725	8,175	1,550	16.0	9,600	7,925	1,675	17.5
NAPOLEONVILLE (ASSUMPTION)	8,425	6,700	1,725	20.5	8,475	6,625	1,850	21.7
BUNKIE (AVOYELLES)	17,575	14,200	3,375	19.2	17,525	13,950	3,575	20.4
DERIDDER (BEAUREGARD)	13,900	12,075	1,825	13.2	13,575	11,750	1,825	13.5
ARCADIA (BIENVILLE)	6,775	5,850	925	13.8	6,700	5,725	975	14.6
COLUMBIA (CALDWELL)	4,975	4,175	800	16.3	4,950	4,150	800	16.3
CAMERON (CAMERON)	5,450	4,875	575	10.6	5,225	4,600	625	12.0
JONESVILLE (CATAHOULA)	5,225	4,025	1,200	23.1	5,225	3,900	1,325	25.2
HOMER (CLAIBORNE)	7,975	7,075	900	11.3	7,925	7,025	900	11.3
FERRIDAY (CONCORDIA)	10,950	8,775	2,175	19.9	10,825	8,575	2,250	20.8
MANSFIELD (DESOTO)	14,900	12,700	2,200	14.7	14,750	12,550	2,200	14.9
LAKE PROVIDENCE (E. CARROLL)	4,950	3,900	1,050	21.0	4,975	3,800	1,175	23.6
CLINTON (EAST FELICIANA)	8,625	7,525	1,100	12.8	8,475	7,325	1,150	13.6
VILLE PLATTE(EVANGELINE)	14,775	12,000	2,775	18.8	14,900	12,050	2,850	19.1
WINNSBORO (FRANKLIN)	9,125	7,425	1,700	18.6	9,150	7,300	1,850	20.1
COLFAX (GRANT)	7,350	6,300	1,050	14.3	7,350	6,250	1,100	14.8
NEW IBERIA (IBERIA)	31,300	25,375	5,925	19.0	31,075	25,225	5,850	18.8
PLAQUEMINE (IBERVILLE)	12,475	10,350	2,125	17.1	12,550	10,250	2,300	18.3
JONESBORO (JACKSON)	7,175	6,450	725	10.1	7,050	6,325	725	10.3
JENNINGS (JEFFERSON DAVIS)	13,925	11,525	2,400	17.2	13,700	11,325	2,375	17.4
JENA (LASALLE)	7,875	6,725	1,150	14.5	7,625	6,625	1,000	13.0
RUSTON (LINCOLN)	19,000	17,850	1,150	6.1	18,875	17,675	1,200	6.4
TALLULAH (MADISON)	6,525	5,550	975	15.0	6,600	5,500	1,100	16.7
BASTROP (MOREHOUSE)	13,350	11,225	2,125	16.0	13,500	11,100	2,400	17.8
NATCHITOCHES (NATCHITOCHES)	17,725	15,650	2,075	11.7	17,575	15,450	2,125	12.1
POINT-A-LA-HACHE (PLAQUM.)	10,675	9,450	1,225	11.4	10,700	9,425	1,275	12.0
NEW ROADS (POINTE COUPEE)	8,625	6,925	1,700	19.7	8,625	6,800	1,825	21.1
COUSHATTA (RED RIVER)	4,475	3,925	550	12.4	4,475	3,900	575	12.9
RAYVILLE (RICHLAND)	8,975	7,575	1,400	15.7	8,950	7,400	1,550	17.3
MANY (SABINE)	10,550	9,025	1,525	14.4	10,400	8,875	1,525	14.7
GREENSBURG (ST. HELENA)	3,500	3,000	500	14.4	3,475	2,975	500	14.1
LUTCHER (ST. JAMES)	8,850	7,300	1,550	17.4	8,875	7,250	1,625	18.2
OPELOUSAS (ST. LANDRY)	37,475	29,850	7,625	20.4	37,300	29,650	7,650	20.5
MORGAN CITY (ST. MARY)	32,825	25,675	7,150	21.8	32,625	25,625	7,000	21.5
HAMMOND (TANGIPAHOA)	39,400	33,650	5,750	14.6	39,300	33,325	5,975	15.2
ST. JOSEPH (TENSAS)	3,500	3,125	375	10.9	3,450	3,025	425	12.5
FARMERVILLE (UNION)	8,675	7,500	1,175	13.4	8,725	7,475	1,250	14.2
ABBEVILLE (VERMILION)	23,475	18,850	4,625	19.7	23,225	18,525	4,700	20.2
LEESVILLE (VERNON)	18,675	17,025	1,650	8.9	18,475	16,750	1,725	9.3
BOGALUSA (WASHINGTON)	18,450	15,925	2,525	13.7	18,275	15,600	2,675	14.6
MINDEN (WEBSTER)	20,375	17,550	2,825	13.9	20,350	17,375	2,975	14.6
OAK GROVE (WEST CARROLL)	5,550	4,125	1,425	25.8	5,825	3,950	1,875	32.2
ST. FRANCISVILLE (W. FELIC.)	4,400	3,825	575	13.1	4,375	3,800	575	13.4
WINNFIELD (WINN)	5,775	5,075	700	12.3	5,750	5,050	700	12.2

NOTE: LABOR MARKET AREAS ARE DESIGNATED BY NAME OF PRINCIPAL TOWN, BUT INCLUDE ALL OF PARISH IN PARENTHESIS.

ABOVE DATA ROUNDED TO NEAREST 25 EXCEPT LMAS AND STATEWIDE WHICH ARE ROUNDED TO NEAREST 100. SUBTOTALS MAY NOT ADD TO TOTALS DUE TO ROUNDING. RATES COMPUTED FROM UNROUNDED DATA.

ALEXANDRIA AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	May 1986*	April 1986**	May 1985**	Net Change From April 1986	Net Change From May 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	45.1	45.0	45.1	+ 0.1	0
MANUFACTURING	3.5	3.5	3.5	0	0
Durable Goods	2.3	2.3	2.3	0	0
Lumber & Wood Products	0.7	0.7	0.6	0	+ 0.1
Other Durable Goods	1.6	1.6	1.7	0	- 0.1
Nondurable Goods	1.2	1.2	1.2	0	0
Food & Kindred Products	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	0.8	0.8	0.8	0	0
MINING	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	2.7	2.5	2.9	+ 0.2	- 0.2
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	2.3	2.3	2.3	0	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	10.9	11.0	10.8	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Wholesale Trade	2.2	2.2	2.2	0	0
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	1.2	1.2	1.2	0	0
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	1.0	1.0	1.0	0	0
Retail Trade	8.7	8.8	8.6	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	1.8	1.8	1.8	0	0
Auto Dlrs. & Svc. Sta.	1.1	1.1	1.0	0	+ 0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	2.4	2.4	2.5	0	- 0.1
Other Retail Trade	3.4	3.5	3.3	- 0.1	+ 0.1
FINANCE, INS., & REAL ESTATE	2.5	2.5	2.5	0	0
SERVICES	10.1	10.1	9.7	0	+ 0.4
Health Services	4.1	4.1	4.0	0	+ 0.1
GOVERNMENT	12.9	12.9	13.2	0	- 0.3
Federal	2.6	2.6	2.6	0	0
State and Local	10.3	10.3	10.6	0	- 0.3
State	5.3	5.3	5.4	0	- 0.1
Local	5.0	5.0	5.2	0	- 0.2

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Alexandria LMA was estimated at 45,100 during May. This estimate was 100 more than April and unchanged since May of last year.

Estimated employment in manufacturing during May totaled 3,500. This total was unchanged since the previous month and May of last year. There was a change in durable goods, which shows a slight decline in other durable goods, but was offset by an increase in lumber and wood products.

Employment in nonmanufacturing was estimated to be 41,600 during May. This estimate was 100 more than April and the same as May of last year. Since last month construction has gained 200 with trade declining 100. Compared to May 1985 there have been several changes. Construction and government have declined with services and trade increasing.

During the next thirty days the number of unemployed should increase with the influx of graduating seniors, summer workers and some school personnel into the labor market.

BATON ROUGE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	May 1986*	April 1986**	May 1985**	Net Change From April 1986	Net Change From May 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	213.2	212.6	217.3	+ 0.6	- 4.1
MANUFACTURING	19.9	19.9	21.0	0	- 1.1
Durable Goods	4.2	4.2	4.4	0	- 0.2
Lumber and Wood Products	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	0.9	0.9	1.0	0	- 0.1
Fabricated Metal Products	0.9	0.9	0.9	0	0
Other Durable Goods	1.8	1.8	1.9	0	- 0.1
Nondurable Goods	15.7	15.7	16.6	0	- 0.9
Food & Kindred Products	1.8	1.8	1.9	0	- 0.1
Printing & Publishing	1.7	1.7	1.8	0	- 0.1
Chemicals and Petroleum Products	11.4	11.4	12.2	0	- 0.8
Other Nondurable Goods	0.8	0.8	0.7	0	+ 0.1
MINING	1.2	1.2	1.2	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	21.4	20.8	21.8	+ 0.6	- 0.4
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILTIES	10.5	10.2	10.5	+ 0.3	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	50.8	50.7	53.0	+ 0.1	- 2.2
Wholesale Trade	10.7	10.8	11.6	- 0.1	- 0.9
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	7.6	7.6	8.1	0	- 0.5
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	3.1	3.2	3.5	- 0.1	- 0.4
Retail Trade	40.1	39.9	41.4	+ 0.2	- 1.3
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	13.9	14.0	13.7	- 0.1	+ 0.2
Banking	4.3	4.4	4.4	- 0.1	- 0.1
SERVICES	41.6	41.7	41.3	- 0.1	+ 0.3
GOVERNMENT	53.9	54.1	54.8	- 0.2	- 0.9
Federal	2.2	2.2	2.1	0	+ 0.1
State and Local	51.7	51.9	52.7	- 0.2	- 1.0
State	31.2	31.4	31.0	- 0.2	+ 0.2
Local	20.5	20.5	21.7	0	- 1.2

BATON ROUGE AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	May '86*	April '86**	May '85**	May '86*	April '86**	May '85**	May '86*	April '86**	May '85**
All MANUFACTURING (1)	$529.58	$499.37	$542.93	42.4	41.1	43.4	$12.49	$12.15	$12.51
Petro-Chemicals	684.59	651.78	682.82	46.1	45.2	45.4	14.85	14.42	15.04

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 12,300 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

BATON ROUGE AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Nonagricultural employment in the Baton Rouge LMA at 213,200 during May was up 600 from April's revised estimate. Manufacturing had no change and nonmanufacturing was up 600.

Employment in manufacturing totaled 19,900 in May and was unchanged from April's revised estimate. Durable goods and nondurable goods were unchanged during the current period.

Nonmanufacturing employment was up 600 during May. Mining had no change. Construction was up due to a seasonal increase in general building contractors - non-residential buildings and more business in special trade contractors. Transportation and public utilities were up due to seasonal increases in services incidental to water transportation and more business in sanitary services. Wholesale trade was down due to less business in machinery, equipment, and supplies and in beer, wine and distilled alcoholic beverages. Retail trade was up due to more business in motor vehicle dealers (new and used), and in eating and drinking places. Finance, insurance and real estate were down due to less business in commercial and stock savings banks and seasonal drops in insurance agents, brokers, and services. Services were down due to seasonal drops in personnel supply services. Government was down due to seasonal drops in state colleges, universities, professional schools and junior colleges.

Average weekly earnings of Baton Rouge LMA's 12,300 production workers in all manufacturing was $529.58, up $30.21 from April's revised average. Average weekly hours were up 1.3 hours and average hourly earnings were up $0.34 per hour. More overtime worked at premium pay contributed to these changes.

Total employment of Baton Rouge LMA's residents was estimated at 229,900 during May, up 1,700 from April's revised estimate and down 3,500 from May of last year. Unemployment at 28,000 was down 1,700 from last month's revised estimate. May's unemployment rate was 10.9 percent, down from April's revised 11.5 percent. The statewide unemployment rate was 13.0 percent during May. The Baton Rouge LMA civilian labor force totaled 257,900 during the current period.

New entrants and reentrants in the labor force are expected to continue increasing the unemployed and unemployment rate during the coming month.

The Baton Rouge Job Service Office served 2,048 individuals with new or renewal applications, and placed 234 applicants in jobs during May.

The consumer price index for April, 1986 for all urban consumers was 325.3 and for all urban wage and clerical workers 320.4 using base period 1967=100.

HOUMA - THIBODAUX AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	May 1986*	April 1986**	May 1985**	Net Change From April 1986	Net Change From May 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	56.3	57.1	62.8	- 0.8	- 6.5
MANUFACTURING	4.1	4.1	5.5	0	- 1.4
Durable Goods	2.6	2.9	3.7	- 0.3	- 1.1
Nondurable Goods	1.5	1.2	1.8	+ 0.3	- 0.3
MINING	6.9	7.3	8.6	- 0.4	- 1.7
CONSTRUCTION	2.4	2.4	2.7	0	- 0.3
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	6.3	6.6	7.5	- 0.3	- 1.2
Water Transportation	4.1	4.4	4.8	- 0.3	- 0.7
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	13.8	14.0	15.6	- 0.2	- 1.8
Wholesale Trade	3.2	3.2	3.7	0	- 0.5
Retail Trade	10.6	10.8	11.9	- 0.2	- 1.3
Eating & Drinking Places	3.0	3.0	3.7	0	- 0.7
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.7	2.7	2.6	0	+ 0.1
SERVICES	8.7	8.7	8.9	0	- 0.2
GOVERNMENT	11.4	11.3	11.4	+ 0.1	0
Federal	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
State and Local	10.9	10.8	10.9	+ 0.1	0
State	3.2	3.2	3.2	0	0
Local	7.7	7.6	7.7	+ 0.1	0

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Houma-Thibodaux LMA in May moved down to 56,300, a level 800 below April. Most industry divisions either showed a decrease or barely held steady. Only government exhibited a small overall gain. Since May of 1985, total nonagricultural employment lost 6,500 workers, displaying a loss of 10.4 percent. Over the year, the largest decreases were in mining, trade, transportation, and manufacturing. Total nonagricultural employment now stands at the lowest level since 1977.

Manufacturing employment totaled 4,100 in May, no change over the previous month. Durable goods was down due to the decline of business activity in the area. Nondurable goods increased due to seasonal increases in the food and kindred industry. Compared to one year ago, manufacturing employment is down 1,400.

Mining continued to show the downtrend exhibited in the past year. Mining now stands at the lowest employment level since the first part of 1976. Water transportation lost workers, moving down to the lowest level since 1977. Retail trade displayed a decrease spread through most industries. More favorably, government was boosted by a small increase in local government. Services held steady. Finance, insurance and real estate showed no significant change. Construction showed no total change in a month where seasonal factors usually bring a gain.

HOUMA-THIBODAUX AREA (CONTINUED)

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Estimated unemployment in May eased down to 13,000, a level 100 below April. A decrease in the labor force was at least partly responsible, as many persons left the area to seek work elsewhere. Joblessness presently comprises 16.9 percent of the labor force compared to 17.0 percent in April and 11.4 percent in May of last year. The May rate was higher than the state rate of 13.0 percent, and much higher than the comparable national rate of 7.0 percent. Beneficiaries of unemployment insurance totaled 4,114.

Nonagricultural employment in the coming months is expected to continue to show the downtrend exhibited in the past several months. Much will depend on developments in the oil and gas industry. Unemployment will probably show an overall increase with the summer influx of entrants and re-entrants into the labor force.

LAFAYETTE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	May 1986*	April 1986**	May 1985**	Net Change From April 1986	Net Change From May 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	94.2	95.7	99.9	- 1.5	- 5.7
MANUFACTURING	5.5	5.5	6.2	0	- 0.7
Durable Goods	2.0	2.0	2.2	0	- 0.2
Nondurable Goods	3.5	3.5	4.0	0	- 0.5
Food & Kindred Products	1.6	1.6	1.6	0	0
MINING	15.6	15.8	17.4	- 0.2	- 1.8
CONSTRUCTION	4.7	5.1	5.3	- 0.4	- 0.6
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	7.1	7.2	7.3	- 0.1	- 0.2
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	24.8	25.1	26.1	- 0.3	- 1.3
Wholesale Trade	6.1	6.2	6.6	- 0.1	- 0.5
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	3.9	4.0	4.3	- 0.1	- 0.4
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	2.2	2.2	2.3	0	- 0.1
Retail Trade	18.7	18.9	19.5	- 0.2	- 0.8
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	3.6	3.7	3.3	- 0.1	+ 0.3
Food Stores	2.7	2.7	3.2	0	- 0.5
Auto. Dlrs. & Serv. Sta.	1.7	1.8	1.9	- 0.1	- 0.2
Other Retail Trade	10.7	10.7	11.1	0	- 0.4
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	3.8	3.8	4.0	0	- 0.2
Banking	1.6	1.6	1.7	0	- 0.1
SERVICES	18.8	19.1	20.0	- 0.3	- 1.2
GOVERNMENT	13.9	14.1	13.6	- 0.2	+ 0.3
Federal	1.0	1.0	0.9	0	+ 0.1
State and Local	12.9	13.1	12.7	- 0.2	+ 0.2
State	5.3	5.5	5.1	- 0.2	+ 0.2
Local	7.6	7.6	7.6	0	0

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lafayette LMA during May totaled 94,200, a decrease of 1,500 from the previous month and 5,700 below a comparable period a year ago.

The largest decrease was noted in the nonmanufacturing segment. Manufacturing remained relatively stable.

Mining showed a decrease of 200 from April and 1,800 less than May of 1985.

Construction was 400 less than the previous month and 700 less than May of 1985.

Trade showed a 300 decrease from April and 1,300 less than May of 1985.

Services was 300 less than April and 1,200 less than May a year ago.

An increase in the summer rate is expected due to the influx of students into the labor force this summer.

LAKE CHARLES AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	May 1986*	April 1986**	May 1985**	Net Change From April 1986	Net Change From May 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	57.4	57.0	59.1	+ 0.4	- 1.7
MANUFACTURING	8.8	8.9	9.1	- 0.1	- 0.3
Durable Goods	0.8	0.8	0.7	0	+ 0.1
Lumber & Wood Products	0.1	0.1	0.1	0	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Prod.	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
Other Durable Goods	0.5	0.5	0.4	0	+ 0.1
Nondurable Goods	8.0	8.1	8.4	- 0.1	- 0.4
Food & Kindred Products	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0
Chemical & Pet. Products	7.1	7.2	7.5	- 0.1	- 0.4
Other Nondurable Goods	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
MINING	1.8	1.8	2.3	0	- 0.5
CONSTRUCTION	3.6	3.6	3.7	0	- 0.1
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	4.2	3.8	4.2	+ 0.4	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	14.6	14.6	15.0	0	- 0.4
Wholesale Trade	3.0	3.0	3.1	0	- 0.1
Retail Trade	11.6	11.6	11.9	0	- 0.3
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.3	2.3	2.3	0	0
Auto Dlrs. & Serv. Sta.	1.4	1.4	1.3	0	+ 0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	3.8	3.8	3.7	0	+ 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.6	2.7	2.7	- 0.1	- 0.1
Banking	1.0	1.1	1.1	- 0.1	- 0.1
SERVICES	10.6	10.6	11.1	0	- 0.5
Hotels & Other Lodg. Places	0.7	0.6	0.7	+ 0.1	0
Personal Services	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
GOVERNMENT	11.2	11.0	11.0	+ 0.2	+ 0.2
Federal	0.7	0.7	0.7	0	0
State and Local	10.5	10.3	10.3	+ 0.2	+ 0.2
State	3.9	3.7	3.9	+ 0.2	0
Local	6.6	6.6	6.4	0	+ 0.2

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Employment on area payrolls increased 400 from the previous month but fell 1,700 from May of 1985. This decrease was noted in the nonmanufacturing segment. Manufacturing employment decreased by 100 from the previous month and 300 less than May of 1985.

Mining showed no change from the previous month but fell 500 below the same period a year ago.

Trade exhibited no change from April but reflected a 400 decrease from May of 1985.

There was little or no change in other segments of the economy.

The unemployment rate is expected to rise as summer job seekers and graduates enter the job market seeking employment.

MONROE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	May 1986*	April 1986**	May 1985**	Net Change From April 1986	Net Change From May 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	55.6	55.9	56.6	- 0.3	- 1.0
MANUFACTURING	7.5	7.6	7.4	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Durable Goods	2.3	2.3	2.3	0	0
Lumber & Wood Products	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
Other Durable Goods	2.1	2.1	2.1	0	0
Nondurable Goods	5.2	5.3	5.1	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	0.8	0.8	0.8	0	0
Chemical & Allied Products	0.8	0.8	0.8	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	3.6	3.7	3.5	- 0.1	+ 0.1
MINING	0.5	0.5	0.6	0	- 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	3.9	4.0	3.9	- 0.1	0
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	2.5	2.6	2.9	- 0.1	- 0.4
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	15.8	15.8	15.3	0	+ 0.5
Wholesale Trade	4.2	4.1	4.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	11.6	11.7	11.2	- 0.1	+ 0.4
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	3.6	3.6	2.9	0	+ 0.7
Auto Dealers & Serv. Sta.	1.3	1.3	1.3	0	0
Eating & Drinking Places	2.8	2.9	3.3	- 0.1	- 0.5
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	4.5	4.5	4.3	0	+ 0.2
Banking	1.1	1.1	1.1	0	0
SERVICES	11.1	11.1	11.1	0	0
Hotels & Other Lodg. Places	0.7	0.7	0.7	0	0
Personal Services	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
Health Services	4.5	4.5	4.4	0	+ 0.1
GOVERNMENT	9.8	9.8	11.1	0	- 1.3
Federal	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
State and Local	9.2	9.2	10.5	0	- 1.3
State	4.7	4.7	4.8	0	- 0.1
Local	4.5	4.5	5.7	0	- 1.2

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment in the Monroe LMA was estimated at 55,600, 300 below the April estimate of 55,900 and 1,000 below the May, 1985 estimate.

Manufacturing, estimated at 7,500, was 100 below the April estimate. The minimal loss was in nondurable goods.

Nonmanufacturing, estimated at 48,100, was down 200 from the April estimate. Construction and transportation and public utilities each experienced minimal losses of 100. All other segments remained unchanged over the month.

Over the next 30 days, employment should remain relatively stable while unemployment will rise as the youth of the area enter the labor force seeking summer employment as educational facilities begin the summer vacation period.

NEW ORLEANS AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	May 1986*	April 1986**	May 1985**	Net Change From April 1986	Net Change From May 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	518.2	521.3	536.4	- 3.1	-18.2
MANUFACTURING	42.7	43.2	46.2	- 0.5	- 3.5
Durable Goods	20.9	21.3	23.2	- 0.4	- 2.3
Lumber and Wood Products	0.4	0.5	0.5	- 0.1	- 0.1
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.8	1.8	1.9	0	- 0.1
Fabricated Metal Products	2.5	2.6	3.1	- 0.1	- 0.6
Machinery	2.6	2.8	3.0	- 0.2	- 0.4
Transportation Equipment	11.8	11.9	12.9	- 0.1	- 1.1
Ship and Boatbuilding & Repairing	7.3	7.4	8.3	- 0.1	- 1.0
Other Durable Goods	1.8	1.7	1.8	+ 0.1	0
Nondurable Goods	21.8	21.9	23.0	- 0.1	- 1.2
Food & Kindred Products	6.4	6.4	7.1	0	- 0.7
Apparel & Other Textile Products	1.6	1.6	1.8	0	- 0.2
Paper & Allied Products	1.0	1.0	1.0	0	0
Printing & Publishing	3.6	3.7	3.6	- 0.1	0
Chemicals and Allied Products	4.2	4.2	4.5	0	- 0.3
Petroleum & Coal Products	4.6	4.6	4.6	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0
MINING	17.9	18.5	19.8	- 0.6	- 1.9
Oil & Gas Extraction	17.3	17.9	19.3	- 0.6	- 2.0
CONSTRUCTION	25.0	24.9	27.8	+ 0.1	- 2.8
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	44.1	44.4	46.5	- 0.3	- 2.4
Railroad Transportation	1.9	1.9	2.1	0	- 0.2
Water Transportation	13.7	13.9	14.5	- 0.2	- 0.8
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	139.2	139.7	138.9	- 0.5	+ 0.3
Wholesale Trade	34.0	34.3	35.6	- 0.3	- 1.6
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	20.0	20.1	21.5	- 0.1	- 1.5
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	14.0	14.2	14.1	- 0.2	- 0.1
Retail Trade	105.2	105.4	103.3	- 0.2	+ 1.9
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	32.7	32.7	33.2	0	- 0.5
Banking	7.7	7.6	7.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
SERVICES	130.7	132.0	133.7	- 1.3	- 3.0
GOVERNMENT	85.9	85.9	90.3	0	- 4.4
Federal	16.1	16.0	15.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.8
State and Local	69.8	69.9	75.0	- 0.1	- 5.2
State	22.1	22.0	22.1	+ 0.1	0
Local	47.7	47.9	52.9	- 0.2	- 5.2

NEW ORLEANS AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	May '86*	April '86**	May '85**	May '86*	April '86**	May '85**	May '86*	April '86**	May '85**
All MANUFACTURING	$415.91	$417.69	$442.00	39.2	39.0	40.7	$10.61	$10.71	$10.86
Durable Goods	357.79	361.12	439.93	37.0	37.0	41.0	9.67	9.76	10.73
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	360.55	369.74	406.19	36.2	36.9	40.7	9.96	10.02	9.98
Fabricated Metal Products	261.00	258.66	444.51	30.0	28.3	46.4	8.70	9.14	9.58
Ship & Boatbuilding and Repairing	370.28	369.75	455.42	37.9	37.5	38.4	9.77	9.86	11.86
Nondurable Goods	470.50	473.55	444.00	41.2	41.0	40.4	11.42	11.55	10.99
Food & Kindred Products	314.71	324.99	297.64	37.6	38.1	36.7	8.37	8.53	8.11
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	140.75	122.61	142.84	25.0	21.7	26.9	5.63	5.65	5.31
Paper & Allied Products	444.05	459.27	420.08	46.4	48.6	47.9	9.57	9.45	8.77
Printing & Publishing	404.78	390.60	367.74	43.2	42.0	41.6	9.37	9.30	8.84
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	675.36	646.48	674.18	43.6	42.7	43.3	15.49	15.14	15.57

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 28,300 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

NEW ORLEANS AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the New Orleans LMA in May decreased to 518,200, down 3,100 from April. Every industry division except construction either showed a reduction in employment or barely held steady. Since May 1985, total nonagricultural employment lost 18,200 workers, with every industry division hurt by a debilitating decrease. Total nonagricultural employment now stands at the lowest level since 1979.

Manufacturing employment totaled 42,700 in May, down 500 from the previous month. Machinery showed an overall decrease with many firms throughout the industry reporting less business. Transportation equipment, mainly ship- and boatbuilding, moved down due to the reduced demand in the oil and gas industry. Other segments of manufacturing were down with the slowing business activity of the local economy. Compared to one year ago, manufacturing employment was down 3,500 employees.

Trade exhibited layoffs in almost every major segment of both wholesale and retail trade. Mining lost 600 workers moving down to the lowest level since the early part of 1980. Transportation was affected by layoffs in water transportation, motor freight transportation and local transit. Services were lowered by a decrease in employment in the hotel-motel industry, amusement services, business services, and private health services. Construction eked out a very minor seasonal gain, although remaining at a lower level than exhibited in any month in any year between 1975 and 1985. Finance held steady, with a minor upturn in banking balanced by a small downturn in employment by other credit agencies. Government total employment held steady, with small gains in federal and state government offset by a decrease in local government.

Production workers in the area earned an average $415.91 a week in May, down $1.78 from last month's average. Over the month average hours increased 12 minutes and average hourly earnings decreased $0.10. Compared to one year ago, weekly earnings were down $26.09.

Estimated unemployment in May decreased to 64,700, down 2,800 from April. A decrease in the size of the labor force as many workers left the area in search of employment elsewhere was at least partly responsible. Joblessness presently comprises 10.9 percent of the labor force compared to 11.3 percent in April and 11.3 percent in May of last year. The May rate was somewhat lower than the state rate of 13.0 percent, but much higher than the comparable national rate of 7.0 percent. Beneficiaries of regular unemployment insurance numbered 17,292. Approximately 42.0 percent of the claimants were nonwhite; about 32.0 percent were female.

Nonagricultural employment in the coming months is expected to continue to exhibit the downtrend hurting the area in the past few months. Much will depend on developments in the oil and gas industry, the port, tourism, and manufacturing. Unemployment will probably show an overall increase, reflecting the summer influx of entrants and re-entrants into the labor force.

SHREVEPORT AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	May 1986*	April 1986**	May 1985**	Net Change From April 1986	Net Change From May 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	134.6	135.0	145.3	- 0.4	-10.7
MANUFACTURING	18.6	19.0	23.3	- 0.4	- 4.7
Durable Goods	13.9	14.1	18.3	- 0.2	- 4.4
Lumber and Wood Products	0.8	0.8	0.7	0	+ 0.1
Metals and Machinery	8.1	8.2	12.5	- 0.1	- 4.4
Primary and Fabricated Metals	2.0	2.1	2.3	- 0.1	- 0.3
Machinery, Inc. Electrical	6.1	6.1	10.2	0	- 4.1
Other Durable Goods	5.0	5.1	5.1	- 0.1	- 0.1
Nondurable Good	4.7	4.9	5.0	- 0.2	- 0.3
Food & Kindred Products	0.9	0.9	1.0	0	- 0.1
Printing & Publishing	1.3	1.3	1.4	0	- 0.1
Petroleum & Coal Products	0.8	0.9	0.9	- 0.1	- 0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	1.7	1.8	1.7	- 0.1	0
MINING	3.7	3.7	4.8	0	- 1.1
CONSTRUCTION	7.8	7.7	8.8	+ 0.1	- 1.0
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	7.8	8.2	8.8	- 0.4	- 1.0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	31.6	31.8	33.8	- 0.2	- 2.2
Wholesale Trade	8.1	8.4	8.9	- 0.3	- 0.8
Retail Trade	23.5	23.4	24.9	+ 0.1	- 1.4
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	7.9	7.9	7.9	0	0
SERVICES	30.2	29.8	31.8	+ 0.4	- 1.6
GOVERNMENT	27.0	26.9	26.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.9
Federal	4.5	4.5	4.4	0	+ 0.1
State and Local	22.5	22.4	21.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.8
State	8.0	8.0	7.0	0	+ 1.0
Local	14.5	14.4	14.7	+ 0.1	- 0.2

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AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	May '86*	April '86**	May '85**	May '86*	April '86**	May '85**	May '86*	April '86**	May '85**
All MANUFACTURING	$404.91	$400.05	$409.62	38.6	38.1	39.5	$10.49	$10.50	$10.37
Lumber and Wood Products	248.62	277.98	251.69	40.1	41.0	42.3	6.20	6.78	5.95
Metals and Machinery	425.72	412.33	393.43	40.7	39.8	38.8	10.46	10.36	10.14
Food and Kindred Products	302.71	308.51	301.58	40.2	40.7	41.2	7.53	7.58	7.32
Printing and Publishing	284.86	281.18	275.40	33.2	31.7	32.4	8.58	8.87	8.50
Petroleum and Coal Products	544.36	582.06	529.64	45.1	44.5	44.1	12.07	13.08	12.01

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 13,300 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

SHREVEPORT AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

The Shreveport LMA has a total of 134,600 in nonagricultural wage and salary employment, down from 135,000 in April. This employment loss is in manufacturing. The current employment estimate of 18,600 is 400 less than the revised April estimate. The nonmanufacturing employment estimate of 116,000 is unchanged from last month.

Manufacturing employment dropped to 18,600, down 400 from last month and reflects a decline in the demand for metals and machinery products and other durable goods.

The total nonmanufacturing estimate of 116,000 remains unchanged from last month. The employment losses that occurred in transportation and public utilities and in wholesale trade were offset by gains of 100 in construction, 400 in services and 100 in government.

This labor area has an estimated 13,300 production workers in manufacturing. These production workers had average weekly earnings of $404.91, up from $400.05 for last month, but less than $409.62 for one year ago. Average weekly hours increased from 38.1 last month to 38.6, but down from 39.5 in May, 1985. The average hourly earnings at $10.49 is nearly unchanged from $10.50 last month and $10.37 in May 1985.

The current civilian labor force for this area is 165,500, including 145,800 employed and 19,700 unemployed. The unemployment rate is 11.9 percent, compared to 13.0 percent for the state.

The nonagricultural employment outlook for this area is expected to remain near the present level for the next few months. Total unemployment will continue to be high and will likely exceed 21,000 in June.